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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/766,667	Applicant(s) ANDERSON, TORRENCE	
	Examiner Sarah Purol	Art Unit 3634	

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claim 1 and 2-18 dependent thereon are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 1, line 21, the use of the term "upper shelf" is unclear as to meaning. Should it not more properly read ---upper shelf support---? Clarification is required.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-18 are further rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Felsenthal 6,604,473 in view of Carter, Sr. et al. 2,478,458. Felsenthal teaches the devices claimed best seen in Figure 1, absent the drawer frame member slidably secured to second attachment tubes. Carter teaches a drawer frame member (see element 42) secured to attachment tubes (see element 24). To modify Felsenthal so tha the flexible carriers (see 18) are slidably supported on the frame as taught by Carter for the purpose of providing easier access to the flexible carriers would have been obvious for one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention. The number of shelves (for the purpose of holding more articles), the specific means for attaching the flexible carriers to the frame (for the purpose of ease of removal), the manner in which the cross bar members are attached to the frame (rivet, bolt, etc....) would have

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been matters of choice of well known expedients in the art equally interchangeable and mechanically equivalent used and known by those of ordinary skill in the rack and shelving art. Note also the auxiliary brackets at 28 of Felsenthal for holding various articles. Note also casters 24.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Note in particular Figure 5 of Corcoran 4403701. Note also racking systems Junta 5,154,359; Magnusen 4,984,694; Zaid 5,855,286; Stoddard et al. 6,719,157; Irvin 6,079,572; Krusell 6,478,169.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sarah Purol whose telephone number is 571-272-6834. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. Tues. Thurs. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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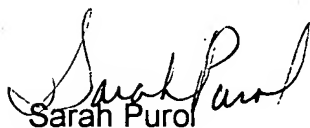
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